



Goodness in promising to Govern by Parliaments, when in several years of the greatest Distress and Danger of the Nation, they have been Dissolved and Prerogued so often without their Advice taken. Could you have supposed a Judge of this Land bringing an Address from *Hertford*. And *Sanders* (an Eminent Man in the Law) bringing another from himself and his Companions, directly contrary, not only to the Law of the Land, but to the Law of all Nations, common Sense and Reason: They tell you of a Paper called an Association, found in my Lord *Shaftsbury's* Papers, and as if it were as a man of Straw and fight against it; and is resolved that Addresses shall go round the Nation to this purpose. What can this mean but to pervert the World that the *Protestants* have yet a Plot, which hath been attempted so often by the *Popish* and Arbitrary Party to be made believed. But if these Gentlemen have read the Proceedings at the Old *English* by Authority, of that matter, which is in many places short of, and different from the truth; yet that tells the World, and them that read it, that it was not possible for the Judges, as well as Jury, to think the Earl of *Shaftsbury* guilty. We have always accounted the said Earl among the States-Men of the Age; but we must put him into the Ideots Colledge, if we can suppose that he should make so infamous and mean persons his Counsellors, and talk Treason so freely to them. *Buck*, the most known and scandalous Villain, the North Country hath of late years been, is at first well admitted to the Earl's Secret Counsellor, who discovers all his Designs to him; and yet he was to be but a single Trooper, that procur'd no other man to the Party. The King and the Government have no reason to apprehend any danger if the wisdom of those they suppose their enemies, manage Affairs at this rate. Dennis is to Raise all his Name, *Wish* *Popish*, for the defence of the *Protestant* Cause: and if the Old Native *Popish Irish* will be for a Commonwealth, the Earl of *Shaftsbury* engages they shall get their Lands again: so kind is he to the *Popish*, to out his best friends that are possessed of them.

As for their Paper called an Association, 'tis truly their own, and of their own making. Mr. *Gwyn* a *Turkish*, a Creature of Mr. *Symonds* and Enemy to the Earl of *Shaftsbury*, comes by force into his house, demands the keys of his Closet, carries with him several other persons of his own party, where they did what they pleased: And though the Earl of *Shaftsbury* desired they would show what papers they took, and that a List might be agreed out, yet they refused it; besides all the Papers they refused at the Council were marked by the Earl of *Shaftsbury's* Agents, either Mr. *Wilson* or Mr. *Scrakey*; this only was marked by neither. And Mr. *Blakwell* refused to give a list of those Papers which they kept, but if the paper were really

found in the Earl of *Shaftsbury's* Closet, Does Mr. *Sanders* (the great Lawyer) think that it did affect him with Treason, or that the Jury could have found a Bill upon it: Or why did he that had the chief hand in drawing up the Indictment, ground no part of it upon this paper.

But I most wonder at Mr. *Sanders*, that being a Lawyer, he falls so heavy upon Juries; and will not allow them the liberty that the Law ever gave them. They are of no use to the people, if they are necessitated to obey the Judge's Dictum. And if the wisest, wealthiest, and men of best repute of the City of *London* (as these Gentlemen were) have not the liberty of finding, or not finding a Bill, we should give little thanks for being governed by such Law. Does Mr. *Sanders* think they are obliged to find a Bill, because four or five of the most infamous Villains in the World, have sworn the greatest improbabilities in Nature: If so, and that, that be a true Doctrine, that the credibility of the witnesses is not to be considered by the Jury, the Lord have mercy upon all *Protestants*: For it is notoriously known, they may have forty Irish witnesses to any thing that may be desired against them: every days experience shows it in that Country; and they have now found their way over *Mither*. And the *Popish* Agents are excellently skilful in supporting their evidence with *English* Testimony, out of *Newgate*, and the *King's Bench*. I should ask Mr. *Sanders* two questions not whether he hath, or will, take the Oath of Supremacy. But whether he thinks the Evidence was full, and sufficient, in my Lord *Shaftsbury's* Case, to cause the Jury to find the Bill. The other is, whether if this Paper of Association granted to be as treasonable as he pleases to make it; granted to be found in this manner in my Lord *Shaftsbury's* Study; can be imputed to my Lord as any crime, or what crime it is: There being no proof that he ever saw it, read it, or conferred with any about it. But Mr. *Sanders* hath laid aside his Law, and is turned HecTOR for the Catholic cause; hath lent his Name for a job of Church work: And is to be recorded in the Paper Office, for his great merit; and endeavouring to render Juries useless to the People.

You cannot wonder Sir, if you find such men, and such things every day appear more and more; there are such powerful Influences on our Affairs; that this *Popish* Plot must at any rate, be made a *Protestant* one. How many Instances have we had of this, this last two years, and when they will leave off; that are so well protected: God only knows: But you are not to set your helping hand to such things as these. There is a God above that will certainly inquire after such matters: And if you have patience but a while: the wicked that thus prosper; their place shall know them no more.